MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI There are several other conditions, as well. The necessity for the hospital in the taluk, the proficiency, standing and reputation of the Vaidyan concerned, the qualifications he has—all these things will have to be taken into consideration.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know why in view of the large number of patients treated in this Vaidyasala it is not recommended to be converted into a hospital?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Director has not yet thought it fit to do so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Is the member aware that in this Vaidyasala the number of patients treated is very much larger than those treated in Government hospitals?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir. For the information of the honourable member I may point out that there are only 3 grant-in-aid Ayurvedic hospitals in the whole State.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know the conditions under which those three grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas were converted into hospitals.

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Conditions which satisfied the rules and on their commendation of the departmental head.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I wish to know what those conditions are?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI As already stated, the number of patients treated is one of the conditions. Some of the other conditions are the proficiency and standing of the Vydian concerned, the confidence of the public on him, his qualifications, the needs of the locality and the proximity of other medical institutions.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are not other Institutions in Central and South Travancore which deserve such grants?

MR. P. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There may be.

Transport Department.

122. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the receipt and expenditure of the Transport Department during the first six months of the year 1114?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR:

Receipts for the first half of 1114 = Rs. 373,823-4-15
Expenditure for the above period = Rs. 249,168-12-14.

Office of the Transport Superintendent.

123. ***MR. K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the office of the Transport Superintendent has been audited by the Account Office without previous notice?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

MR. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether this office has ever been audited?

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is a staff of the Accountant Gentral's Office posted in the Transport Department and they are conducting concurrent audit.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: So, is there no necessity for auditing this office?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

Representation from Toddy shop contractors.

124. ❋ **MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representation from toddy shop contractors in the State relating to the loss they are put to on account of the distroyiug of tapping trees by political agitators;

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry into the complaints of these contractors: if so, what is the result of that enquiry; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, they have taken to safeguard the interest of these contractors?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. It was found that in certain cases the complaints were true.

(*c*) In deserving cases, the contractors were granted remission of kist.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: With reference to answer to part (*a*) May I know the extent of the relief given.

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: Rs. 3,007.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: May I know whether applications are pending?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: There were several applications but they were considered and rejected.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the names of those contractors?

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: I cannot give the names of contractors but I can give the names of those shops.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know the number of those shops,

MR. M. P. JOSEPH: 14.

Amalgamation of P. W. D. and Water Works Departments.

125 ❋ **MR. M. KESAVA PANICKAR** (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether eleven acting hands were relieved of their duties from the Water Works Department and none from the P. W. D., at the time of amalgamation of the P. W. D. and the Water Works Departments, dated 16-12-1938;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether some persons so disbanded were seniors to some acting hands in the P. W. D; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what are the reasons therefor?

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